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SUBJ: ICAO - COMMITTEE ON UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE OCT 31 (UI-
OB/44, OCT. 24, 1974)

1. FIRST ITEM (REPORT ON INCIDENTS, UI-WP/63) NOTED WITH MINOR
COMMENT.

2. REGARDING SECOND ITEM ON "IATA'S SUGGESTION RE CLOSING AIR-
PORTS DURING HIJACKING INCIDENTS" (UI-WP/62 AND ADDENDA):
US POSITION TELEPHONED NOON OCT 31, RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR UTILI-
ZATION. TELEGRAM NOT YET RECEIVED.

3. COMMITTEE DISCUSSED ITEM THOROUGHLY AND AS RESULT OF
ORCHESTRATED APPROACH (A) REQUESTED COMMISSION ACTION ON LEBANON
PROPOSAL (UI-WP/3 AND ANC 4327) BE CIRCULATED TO COMMITTEE FOR
INFORMATION PRIOR TO NEXT SESSION AND (B) DEFERRED FURTHER DIS-
CUSSION (WP-62) UNTIL NEXT SESSION. COMMITTEE NOW 10 MEMBERS
PENDING COUNCIL ACTION THIS SESSION BECAUSE UGANDA NO LONGER
COUNCIL MEMBER. ADDITIONALLY, MEXICO UNABLE ATTEND. BALANCE OF
MEMBERSHIP PRESENT WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN VOTE
DOWN OF ANY FORMAL PROPOSAL STEMMING FROM IATA PAPER. FYI.
DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO "FULLY SUPPORT PROPOSAL".
OBSERVERS (IATA) MAY NOT MAKE PROPOSALS AND ONLY STATE READY TO
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FORMALLY PUSH MATTER AS FAR AS PROPOSAL EVEN, IF DEFEATED,
WAS GERMANY, WHICH IS NOT ON COMMITTEE. END FYI.

4. THOSE OPPOSING IATA APPROACH (LEBANON, SENEGAL, ETC.) COOPERATED IN A DEFERMENT IN ORDER TO AWAIT COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL ON AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS REQUIREMENTS DURING HIJACKING INCIDENTS. FYI: NEGOTIATIONS SHAPING UP AS FOLLOWS:
(A) STRONG EFFORT BEING MADE IN ANC FOR POSITIVE PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN PANS-RAC WHICH WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE ATTACHED TO ANNEX 17 WITH ALL OTHER SECURITY MATERIAL. (B) PREPARATION UNDER WAY OF DRAFT COUNCIL RESOLUTION IN POSITIVE VEIN URGING STATES TO GIVE FIRST PRIORITIES TO SAFETY OF PASSENGERS AND CREW DURING INCIDENT, ETC. END FYI.

5. DURING MEETING LEBANON POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN ONE, MAYBE TWO INCIDENTS OF BLOCKING RUNWAYS AND THAT "MAYBE THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER ONE". EVEN UK REP AT MEETING AND, OUTSIDE EXPRESSED EXASPERATION BECAUSE NEITHER IATA NOR SECRETARIAT CAN PROVIDE INFORMATION WHICH WILL MAKE STRONG CASE FOR WRITING AND PROMULGATING SARPS THROUGHOUT ANNEXES RELEVANT TO BLOCKING RUNWAYS PROBLEM. GERMANY AND US ARE ONLY TWO WITH STRONG POSITIONS WITH UK AND FRANCE BEING OPPOSED TO "BLOCKING" BUT READY TO TAKE POSITIVE APPROACH ON DRAFT RESOLUTION AS SUPPLEMENT TO SARPS IN PANS-RAC.

6. COMMITTEE WILL MEET EARLY NEXT SESSION (LATE JAN-EARLY FEB) AND WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL ON THIS SUBJECT INCLUDING COMMENTS ON ANC DECISION AND COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER BOTH PAPERS FEB/MARCH SESSION. COMMITTEE MEETING OCT 31 WAS ATTENDED BY GERMANY AND NETHERLANDS AS OBSERVERS INTERESTED IN ITEM, BY DIRECTOR AND STAFF AIR NAV BUREAU AND PRESIDENT COUNCIL. CHAIRED BY US.

7. ANNUAL COUNCIL ACTION CONTINUING COMMITTEE AND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE EXPECTED IN COUNCIL LATE NOV AFTER WHICH NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN CUI WILL BE SELECTED.
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